

SOAR VALLEY u3a
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday 28th March 2023
at 2.00pm in Normanton on Soar Village Hall

Members present: 72

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially any new members. Fire exits were pointed out, together with names of the fire stewards on duty.
Apologies: Mary and Jeremy Lowden, Gill Howdle, Barbara Lister
2. The minutes of the 2022 A.G.M. held on 31st May 2022 have been posted on the web site and are on the notice board. Acceptance as a true record was proposed by Mike Sharpe, seconded by Sue Miles and agreed by the members present.
3. **Matters Arising:** There were no matters arising from the minutes.
4. **Chairman's Report (Brian Hinnners):**
SiteBuilder currently used to host the website is being replaced by SiteWorks. Steve Jones is working on the transfer across of all our data. The members group on Facebook is now fully up and running, thanks to Paul Fileman. 36 people have joined so far with lots of new posts. It is well worth joining and posting group news and matters.
Two volunteers are needed for the tea and coffee today please. There are also gaps for later meetings in the year. Members were asked to please sign up.
Subscription renewals - currently 80 members have still not renewed their membership.
The Chairman announced that all current management committee members have agreed to carry on and read out the nominations. Alison Lloyd, our social representative has also volunteered to join the committee. All were proposed en bloc by John Herrington, seconded by Janet Fileman and unanimously accepted.
Appointment of Jeff Bradley as auditor was proposed by Fred Ing and seconded by Diana Plant. Agreed.
5. **Secretary's Report (Mike Sharpe):** Nothing to report.
6. **Treasurer's Report (Brian Hinnners in Gill's absence):**
Account balance at 28th February (yearend) £5451. Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Paul Fileman and seconded by Chris Bowerman. Agreed.
7. **Membership Report (Marilyn Wood):**
16 new members have joined the group. Marilyn urged members to pay their annual subscriptions as soon as possible. No current membership numbers are available until all payments are in.
8. **Group Co-ordinator's Report (Ian Lloyd):**
The number of active groups is currently 33 with limited vacancies. Ian has also asked group leaders/contacts to remind members about subscription renewal. Arnold Goodwin has offered to help with the setting up of a second cycling group. If anyone is interested, please get in touch.
9. **Social Committee Report (Alison Lloyd):**
Alison reported that the tea and cake afternoon was well received. The next big social event is the Coronation BBQ on 23rd May. The same caterers as last summer have been booked with major entertainment from our Soar Valley Singers

and Mike Sharpe's ukulele group. Tickets available at this meeting. The Christmas social event has been booked for 1st December with a Christmas carvery at Rushcliffe Golf Club. More information to follow.

10. **Outings Report (Roger Golds):**

Outings booked to RHS Bridgewater near Salford on 7th June and Toilethorpe Outdoor Theatre on 8th July to see "The Lady in the Van". Tickets available for both with sign up sheets on the table. A third outing is hopefully being planned. More will follow when details are confirmed.

With no other business, the Chairman introduced the speaker for the afternoon, Graham Short, who kept us entertained (with a fair few laughs) with the story of his micro engraving.

Refreshments followed the speaker's talk.